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> Attention Spencer Abraham Secretary of Energy U.S. Department of Energy 1000 Independence Avenue SW Washington, D.C. 20585

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Dear Secretary Abraham:

The Coalition for a Nuclear Free Great Lakes vehemently objects to the blatant disregard for the public displayed by your recent improper and unreasonable notification of "opportunity for hearing" regarding the DOE's site recommendations on Yucca Mountain. The DOE again has displayed their incredulous composition by stacking and railroading the site selection process. Inadequate notice has been provided to review voluminous documents without any regard to persons in 43 states that will be impacted by the transportation of this maliciously conceived highlevel nuclear waste repository.

The Federal Register notices of late August obfuscate the true intent of DOE's contemplated action. The demeanor clearly displayed by the DOE is prejudicial to an open hearing process. The verbiage and actions of the DOE indicate that this is an attempt at a perfunctory process to meet only the letter of the law, while riding roughshod over the intent. For these reasons the Coalition for a Nuclear Free Great Lakes demands that hearings be rescheduled and broadened. We are specifically requesting hearings in Lansing, MI., Toledo, OH., South Bend, IN., Chicago, IL., Madison, WI., Harrisburg, PA., Buffalo, NY., Twin Cities, MN. to address the transportation of High Level Nuclear Waste.

The Coalition for a Nuclear Free Great Lakes looks forward to obtaining status in a fair hearing process on this matter. I look forward to a written response from your office.

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